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## Reports

### Item#1

39 Terror Plots Foiled Since 9/11: Examining Counterterrorism's Success Stories. The Heritage Foundation. Jean Baker McNeil et al. May 20, 2011.

The Heritage Foundation began tracking foiled terror plots against the U.S. in 2007, counting at least 19 foiled plots since 9/11. Today, that count stands at 39 plots against the U.S. foiled. Three Heritage national security experts summarize the data.

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[http://thf\\_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2011/pdf/bg2556.pdf](http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2011/pdf/bg2556.pdf) [PDF format, 24 pages].

### Item#2

Confronting the Cyber Threat. Council on Foreign Relations. Jonathan Masters. May 23, 2011.

Foreign governments, non-state actors, and criminal networks are targeting the digital networks of the United States with increasing frequency and sophistication. U.S. cybersecurity has made progress, but relies heavily on the private sector to secure infrastructure critical to national security.

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<http://www.cfr.org/technology-and-foreign-policy/confronting-cyber-threat/p15577> [HTML format, various paging].

### Item#3

Continued Debate Over Bin Laden's Death and a Marriage in Tatters. Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism. May 19, 2011.

The two subjects that dominated the blogosphere last week illustrate the wide range of debate and discussion that fills that online platform. One focused on a celebrity spouse split and the other on one of the most dramatic and perhaps significant news events in recent years. For the week of May 9-13, over three-quarters, 81%, of the news links on blogs were about either the breakup of Maria Shriver and Arnold Schwarzenegger (41%) or the death of Osama bin Laden (40%), according to the report.

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[http://www.journalism.org/index\\_report/continued\\_debate\\_over\\_bin\\_laden%E2%80%99s\\_death\\_and\\_marriage\\_tatters](http://www.journalism.org/index_report/continued_debate_over_bin_laden%E2%80%99s_death_and_marriage_tatters) [HTML format, various paging].

### Item#4

Education and the Economy: Boosting the Nation's Economy by Improving High School Graduation Rates Among Students of Color and Native Students. Alliance for Excellent Education. May 2011.

Nearly sixty years after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Brown versus Board of Education* that the doctrine of "separate but equal" has no place in the field of public education, the promise of an equal education remains unmet for too many of the nation's students of color and Native students, according

to the brief. Meeting the promise of *Brown* by graduating more of these students from high school would lead to dramatic economic growth nationwide, the brief finds.

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[http://www.all4ed.org/files/EdEconBrief\\_sebsoc.pdf](http://www.all4ed.org/files/EdEconBrief_sebsoc.pdf) [PDF format, 9 pages].

#### Item#5

The Elephant in the "Green Room": China and the Doha Round. Peterson Institute for International Economics. Aaditya Mattoo et al. May 2011.

China's global economic dominance has changed the dynamic of the Doha Round of multilateral trade negotiations, which has been languishing for nearly 10 years. Whereas earlier lack of enthusiasm from the private sector debilitated Doha, today fear of competition from a dominant China inhibits progress. Progress now hinges critically on greater market opening not in services or agriculture but in manufacturing, where China is a large supplier to all the major markets, and its presence has grown significantly over the course of the Doha Round negotiations. According to the report, countries need to confront Chinese trade dominance to revive Doha or look beyond it.

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<http://www.piie.com/publications/pb/pb11-03.pdf> [PDF format, 12 pages].

#### Item#6

Gauging Obama's Mideast Policy Speech. Council on Foreign Relations. Elliott Abrams and Robert Danin. May 19, 2011.

President Obama's Mideast speech included more assertive language in support of self-determination and a detailed outline of terms for an Israeli-Palestinian settlement. Council on Foreign Relations' Elliott Abrams and Robert Danin assess the impact of the speech.

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<http://www.cfr.org/middle-east/gauging-obamas-mideast-policy-speech/p25043> [HTML format, various paging].

#### Item#7

In Obama's European Trip, Mideast Echoes. Council on Foreign Relations. Charles A. Kupchan. May 20, 2011.

President Obama's European trip aims to reassure European allies about transatlantic ties and forge consensus on supporting and sustaining democratic reforms in the Middle East, says Charles Kupchan.

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<http://www.cfr.org/middle-east/obamas-european-trip-mideast-echoes/p25053> [HTML format, various paging].

#### Item#8

Internet Freedom: A Foreign Policy Imperative in Digital Age. Center for a New American Security. Richard Fontaine and Will Rogers. June 2011.

From Egypt to Tunisia to Iran, the world has borne witness to the power of the Internet and new digital tools used to communicate across borders, organize protests, topple some dictators and possibly strengthen others, actions that all affect U.S. foreign policy. The report examines Internet freedom through the lens of American foreign policy and explores two central questions: What does access to an open Internet mean for U.S. foreign policy, and what should the United States do about it?

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[http://www.cnas.org/files/documents/publications/CNAS\\_InternetFreedom\\_FontaineRogers\\_0.pdf](http://www.cnas.org/files/documents/publications/CNAS_InternetFreedom_FontaineRogers_0.pdf) [PDF format, 52 pages].

#### Item#9

More Concern about Raising Debt Limit than Government Default. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. May 24, 2011.

By a 48%-to-35% margin, Americans say their greater concern is that raising the debt limit would lead to higher government spending and a larger national debt than that not raising the limit would force the government into default and hurt the nation's economy.

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<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/2001/poll-concern-raising-debt-limit-higher-spending> [HTML format, various paging].

#### Item#10

Nuclear Concerns in Unstable Mideast. Council on Foreign Relations. Jonathan Pearl. May 23, 2011.

The events convulsing the Middle East should prompt supplier states to place a moratorium on most nuclear cooperation with the region and devise long-term plans for better safeguarding major nuclear sites around the world, writes the author.

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<http://www.cfr.org/middle-east/nuclear-concerns-unstable-mideast/p25038> [HTML format, various paging].

#### Item#11

The United States in Iraq: Options for 2012. U.S. Institute of Peace. Sean Kane and William Taylor. May 2011.

With U.S. military forces scheduled to depart Iraq in December of this year, the State Department and other civilian agencies are being asked to assume a scale of operational and programmatic responsibilities far beyond any other embassy in recent memory. Planning for the post-2011 U.S. mission in Iraq, however, remains hampered by uncertainty as to whether the Iraqi government will

request an extension of the American military presence in the country. A small follow-on U.S. military force would appear to safeguard Iraqi stability and make the achievement of U.S. strategic objectives in Iraq more likely, but cannot be counted on. Should such a request not be received from the Iraqi government, the U.S. may need to reduce the planned scale and scope of its operations and goals in Iraq.

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[http://www.usip.org/files/resources/The\\_United\\_States\\_in\\_Iraq.pdf](http://www.usip.org/files/resources/The_United_States_in_Iraq.pdf) [PDF format, 6 pages].

#### Item#12

What's It Worth?: The Economic Value of College Majors. Center on Education and the Workforce, Georgetown University. Anthony P. Carnevale et al. May 24, 2011.

We've always been able to say how much a Bachelor's degree is worth in general. Now, the report shows what each Bachelor's degree major is worth. The report finds that different undergraduate majors result in very different earnings. At the low end, median earnings for Counseling Psychology majors are \$29,000, while Petroleum Engineering majors see median earnings of \$120,000.

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<http://www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gppi/hpi/cew/pdfs/whatsitworth-complete.pdf> [PDF format, 182 pages].

#### Item#13

Young Adults Don't Follow News, It Follows Them. YaleGlobal. Susan Moeller. May 19, 2011.

A few decades ago, the well-informed relied on doorstep delivery of a newspaper or two. As the computer age dawned, the young roamed the internet, often searching for news sites reinforcing their view of the world. Newsgathering is undergoing another phase of evolution with the advent of social media. Susan Moeller describes youths "sitting like spiders in the middle of a web, content with consuming what flies by" via email, Twitter, Facebook and other accounts. Students surveyed report their appreciation for non-stop news snippets from acquaintances for a study, "The World Unplugged," conducted by the International Center for Media & the Public Agenda at the University of Maryland, directed by Moeller, and a global group of university partners. Fast-evolving news-delivery methods pose consequences for publishers, society, politics and business, Moeller contends. Students with diverse circles of friends have more varied news sources, but they expect a sentence or two to relay the essence of a story.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/young-adults-news-follows-them> [HTML format, various paging].